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# FEBRUARY 2019

## VIEW FROM THE EAST



Greetings my Brothers ,

Once again, I would like to say thank you to all those who joined us in attending our installation. You all made that day a very special day for my wife Pam, my mom and I. I particularly want to thank our installing officers RWB Gary E. Cohen, RWB Gary Matican and RWB David E. Berger along with everyone that was involved in making the Installation a meaningful and successful event.

I am very excited and honored by the opportunity to serve our Lodge as Master for 2019; our 100<sup>th</sup> year. I know our officers all feel the same way as well. We are committed to serve Cosmo to the best of our abilities and will work diligently toward the goal of improving ourselves in masonry. We have already been busy. Even before the installation our first meeting of January was a Master Mason degree beautifully executed with our Worshipful Master Jerry Gruenbaum in the East. Our next opportunity to be together was our annual paid up members dinner where our new Junior Warden Ben Stern presented us with a wonderful meal.

We are off to a great start. All of our new officers are growing into our new roles and we appreciate your support and good council as we develop. Our next meeting on February 6th will be just such an opportunity. We will be spending a portion of the night in defining our roles and setting high expectations for each officer to attain.

Our second meeting in February will be truly special. We will be moving our meeting night to be on Tuesday February 19<sup>th</sup> which is the exact day of our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We will spend the night presenting the Master Mason degree to our latest worthy brother. Moreover, this will be a special night with Right Worshipful Brother Gary E. Cohen sitting in the East in celebration of his fortieth anniversary as Worshipful Master. I for one eagerly look forward to sharing this special night with our most Senior Past Master. Our Junior Warden, Ben Stern, is planning a delicious meal so I hope you'll be able to join us that night. Please RSVP to him before February 15<sup>th</sup>.

Our monthly Fellowship dinner will be held on the last Wednesday February 27<sup>th</sup>. Please let WB David Stern know if you will be able to attend.

We will continue our support of the Downtown Evening Soup Kitchen. This month our service will be to prepare the meal on Sunday, February 24<sup>th</sup>. This is a wonderful opportunity to support those in our community who most need it. Please sign up with RWB Gary E. Cohen.

Our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary committee is planning for a lodge rededication ceremony on March 23<sup>rd</sup> and a Gala on October 5<sup>th</sup>. These will be once in a lifetime events and I hope that you will mark your calendars in anticipation of joining us. As this is a time to look ahead, I will ask if any brother has any suggestions to incorporate into our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary year. Please share them with me so that we can together make our anniversary year a special one.

I look forward to seeing you, my brothers, in our lodge. The place where it is good and pleasant for brothers to dwell together in unity.

In Masonry,

Respectfully and Fraternaly,

*Michael S. Abrahamson*

Worshipful Master

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## VIEW FROM THE WEST



My Brothers,

I wish to personally thank all of you for the opportunity and privilege of again serving our lodge as Senior Warden. As a Past Master it can be very discouraging to give suggestions each year and nothing seems to change. However, as an officer these suggestions can possibly become a reality.

Your Officers for this year are exceedingly competent, but there is always room for improvement, particularly in ritual and floor work. I have already discussed this with our Worshipful Master, who has agreed. We hope you will be able to see this happening at future meetings.

This will be an exciting year, as it is our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Our Grand Lodge will be rededicating the lodge; a most educational and inspirational experience. I have had the privilege of attending several during my many years as a Mason. It is well worth it, and I am hoping you will mark the date on your calendar and attend.

As Senior Warden it becomes your responsibility for the Sick and Visiting Committee. It is most important for all brothers to inform me or one of the Committee members about any brother or family member who becomes sick or is in need of help. Remember, it is a travesty when any brother or family member feels ignored. It is unbelievable what a call, a visit, a note, etc. can do!

Once again, thank you for the opportunity to serve our lodge. Hoping all of you have a happy and healthy year.

Fraternally,

*WB Kenneth L. Dworkin*

Senior Warden

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## VIEW FROM THE SOUTH



My Brothers,

Allow me to begin by expressing my thanks to everyone for the confidence they showed in me by electing me to the office of Junior Warden.

While I am no stranger in the kitchen, I wouldn't exactly call myself "chefy". So while you may not see as much from-scratch cooking going on in the kitchen this year as there has been in years past, you may rest assured that I will still be providing refreshments of excellent quality. That being said, it's been made abundantly clear to me, both by the comments of various Brothers as well as my own observations and determinations, that having a full meal at the end of every business meeting is impractical. As such, if the calendar does not specify that there is a dinner attached to the meeting, you may assume that it will only be *light* refreshments.

I've already been made aware of certain Brothers dietary requirements, but if anyone else has a concern along those lines and wishes it not become public, please feel free to let me know and you may rest assured that it will be kept in the utmost confidence. Additionally, if any Brother, at any point in the year, feels like **the offerings have hit** a bit of a rut or have anything specific they'd like to request for refreshments, feel free to let me know.

We've already had our first major dinner this year – the Paid-Up Members Dinner – and I think it went off pretty well. That being said, some of you may have noticed how...frazzled I got that night. I would like to apologize to anyone I may have snapped at or was otherwise short with that evening. But I took note of how this year's officers' dynamics worked out, so hopefully our next dinner (before the MM Degree in the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of February, see below) will go even better.

I look forward to working with everyone in the coming year.

Fraternally,

*Benjamin G. Stern.*

Junior Warden

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## VIEW FROM THE SECRETARY'S CHAIR



My Brothers:

This is the year of our lodges 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. We will be doing things the hole year so please attend as many meetings as you can. You don't want to miss anything.

Three events this year stand out among the top choices you should be at. The first is the **Actual Day** of our being chartered which is February 19<sup>th</sup> but it is on a Tuesday so please plan accordingly. The second is the **Rededication** of our lodge on March 23<sup>rd</sup> this will be performed by our Grand Master Marshal K. Robinson and his Grand Line Officers and the third is the Gala Banquet which will be on October 5<sup>th</sup>.

My brothers, just a reminder for those who have not paid their dues that were due on January 1, 2019. Please send them in to me ASAP so that I can keep my books up to date. If you are having a problem, please call me in confidence at 203-410-9733.

Fraternally,

*RW Gary Matican*

Secretary

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### ***“CCC” CONTRIBUTORS WHO WILL BE ON THE PLAQUE”***

Michael S. Abrahamson	Hillel J. Auerbach	Bruce R. Bellmore	David E. Berger
William A. Berger	Scott B. Bumps	Gerald A. Calabritto	Martin E. Cobern
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Jerry Gruenbaum	Roger Jackson	Michael Laden	Bruce L. Lebow
Gary Matican	Thomas P. Shaw	Eric A. Silver	Harold R. Sisken
Stuart M. Smith	Benjamin G. Stern	David O. Stern	Randy Stevens
Richard A. Werner			

*Cosmopolitan Lodge #125 Thanks you all for your continued support of your Lodge...*

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2019 COSMOPOLITAN LODGE NO. 125

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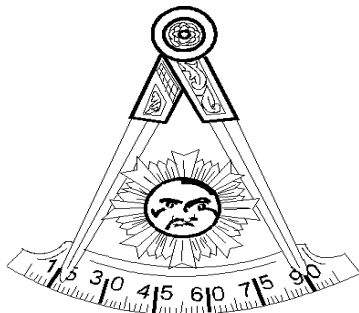
PAST MASTERS OF COSMOPOLITAN LODGE #125

*Jacob Caplan	1919, 1923	*Irving Kegeles	1967
*Joseph E. Levy	1920	Abraham B. Rosenberg	1968
*Samuel I. Calechman	1921	*Morris Klein	1969
*Benjamin F. Goldman	1922	*William E. Weiner	1970
*Samuel J. White	1924	Chester M. Katzman	1971
*Nathan Smernoff	1925	*Robert Tombank	1972
*Manuel Kligerman	1926	*Leonard Tombank	1973
*Samuel M. Silver	1927	*Milton A. Hershatter	1974
*Jacob N. Wolodarsky	1928	Richard A. Sugarmann	1975
*Samuel W. Ritch	1929	Michael W. Winess	1976
*Louis R. Hershatter	1930	*Albert R. Blackman	1977
*Julius White	1931	RW Joseph Albert	1978
*RW Irving Alpert	1932	RW Gary E. Cohen	1979
*Andrew N. Friedman	1933	Sidney J. Levine	1980
*RW Samuel Platcow	1934	Ronald M. Dworkin	1981
*RW Alex Hershatter	1935	Kenneth L. Dworkin	1982, 2008
*Benjamin D. Levine	1936	Steven A. Ledewitz	1983
*John M. Chapnick	1937	Robert S. Brooks	1984
*Joseph Weiner	1938	Joseph M. Cohen	1985
*Irving Rogers	1939	Jeffrey A. Granoff	1986
*Maurice Osber	1940	Edward I. Goodstein	1987
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*Milton S. Holiner	1950	Gary S. Spanierman	1997
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*David Cohen	1957	*William E. McGraw, Jr.	2006
*Albert Gurewitz	1958	Stuart M. Smith	2007
*Marshall R. Weiner	1959	Roger Jackson	2009
*Herbert B. Goldberg	1960	Steven J. Elzholtz	2011
*Leo Gulden	1961	RW Jason E. Morse	2012, 2013
*Jordan Goldberg	1962	Scott Bumps	2014
*Gerald W. Brownstein	1963	Rev. & RW Bruce R. Bellmore	2015
*Arnold Most	1965	David M. Elkodsi	2016
*A. Robert Sotman	1964	Randy S. Stevens	2017
George Weinstein	1966	Jerry Gruenbaum	2018

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 RWB Jason E. Morse, DD 4A  
 WB Scott B. Bumps, AGM 4A



MW Gustaf R. Bodin.....St Alban's #38: 1976  
 & Ashlar #332: 2011  
 Rev & RW Bruce R. Bellmore.....Olive Branch #84: 1981  
 & Hiram #1: 1993  
 RW Roger R. Cole.....Meridian #77: 1976  
 & Madison #87: 2006  
 Steven E. Canada.....Day Spring #30:2016/17 ,Temple #16:2011  
 Alan M. Friedman, Jr.....Annawon #115: 2003 & 2013  
 & Orange #143: 2009 &2010  
 Bruce Liebman.....Masonic Lodge of Research: 1997  
 Kevin H. Matsil.....Meridian #77: 2003  
 RW Jason R. Rieger.....Compass #9: 2006  
 Rabbi Eric Silver.....Temple #16: 2013  
 Eric A. Stern.....Pyramid #43 Reno, NV: 2013 & 2014  
 Randy S. Stevens.....Adelphi-Momauguin #63: 2002  
 & Madison #87: 1985, 1986, & 1992  
 Stephen M. Thal.....Level #137: 1990 & 1991  
 & Philosophic Lodge of Research: 1996  
 Jon-Paul Venoit.....Compass #9: 2005

## COSMOPOLITAN LODGE NO. 125 – UPCOMING EVENTS

February 6 <sup>th</sup>	Stated Communication – Business Meeting with a program
February 19 <sup>th</sup> <b>THIS IS A TUES</b>	Stated Communication – <i>Master Mason Degree</i> with WM Michael S. Abrahamson in the East. <b>Dinner</b> at 6:30 pm, Meeting at 7:30 pm. Reservations for dinner with Jr. Warden Ben Stern at 203-907-9628. Officers must wear their Tux.
February 24 <sup>th</sup>	Downtown Evening Soup Kitchen where we will be preparing the meal. Preparation will be between 2:30-4:30 pm. Please let RW Gary E. Cohen know if you can help out at 203-530-6222.
February 27 <sup>th</sup>	February Fellowship Dinner, on Wednesday, February 27 <sup>th</sup> , we are returning to Saoco Colombian Restaurant in West Haven. <b>Reservations are required for this event by February 24<sup>th</sup>.</b> Friends and family are always welcome to join us. Fellowship Dinners are a great way to introduce non-Masons to our Masonic family and they are welcome to join us with a reservation. Please make your reservations with David Stern at 203-444-2077 or <a href="mailto:dsternct@gmail.com">dsternct@gmail.com</a> . <i>All reservations will be confirmed.</i>

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